

### **REMARKS**

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing Amendment After Allowance be entered for the purpose of correcting a minor error in the Title of this application prior to its issuance as a United States Patent.

This application is a national stage of a previously filed PCT application. The PCT application was published with the present Title of the Invention (see WO 01/17230 A1 in the file for this application), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office has adopted the published Title of the International PCT application as the Title of the present application. Unfortunately, Applicants have noted that there apparently was a mistranslation from the original Japanese language Title of the Invention into the English language in the International PCT Publication that was not noticed by Applicants until the issuance of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in this application.

Clearly, it was not intended that the Title of the Invention should include an "...IMAGE DECODING METHOD AND A METHOD THEREFOR...". Instead, the Title of the Invention should have read "...IMAGE ENCODING **APPARATUS** AND METHOD THEREFOR...".

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the foregoing Amendment After Allowance to correct this minor error prior to the issuance of this application as a United States Patent.

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Applicants believe that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this communication. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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